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purpose, but there was no proper agency to spend the money and remove the evil in time. In several years, the amounts lapsed to Government. The Member therefore suggested that the allotment might be transferred to the Public Works department and that department entrusted with the work along with the canal excavation, which was under its charge.

Dewan's reply.—The Revenue and Public Works departments will be asked why these and similar works should not be transferred from the former to the latter.

119. Raising the standard of the Attingal English and Vernacular schools.

Mr. V. Narayana Iyer (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) requested that the English and Vernacular Middle Schools at Attungal might be raised to the High School standard. In the English school, the highest class is at present the IV Form, with an average attendance of 20 boys. With the abolition of the Chirayinkil Middle School, the number of boys in the school had increased. The boys of the highest class were generally not above 14 years of age and it was neither desirable, in the interests of the boys themselves, nor possible for their poor parents, to send the children at such an age to Trivandrum or Quilon. The school was also self-supporting. It was therefore desirable to raise the standard of the school. As regards the Vernacular school, the Member observed that Attungal was a convenient centre for Vernacular education. There were five Vernacular schools in the taluk and about 100 boys usually appeared for the Vernacular Middle School Examination from the taluk every year. Since it was the poor among the people that generally stopped with Vernacular education, and in view of the possible scope for higher education in the taluk as mentioned above, the Member requested that the Vernacular school might also be raised to the High School grade.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The consideration of all the subjects being over, Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalai (Member, Quilon Taluk) spoke as follows:—

"Sir,—On behalf of the representatives in this Assembly of the people of Travancore, I pray you to convey our feelings of deep loyalty and devotion to His Highness our Gracious Maharaja, than whom no more loving and beneficent Sovereign has ruled over this ancient land. This session of the Assembly has been distinguished beyond its predecessors by the presence, on all the days of its sitting, of the British

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